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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

# Interview Summary

 Application No.
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 09/824,135
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 Examiner
 Art Unit

 John B. Vigushin
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PT	O personnel):
(1) John B. Vigushin.	(3)
(2) Mark Zagorin (Applicant's Attorney).	(4)
Date of Interview: 02 October 2003.	
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant	2) applicant's representative]
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description:	e)⊠ No.
Claim(s) discussed: 1.5,9,24 and 25.	
Identification of prior art discussed: Tamarkin et al. (US 6	<u>3,049,467)</u> .
Agreement with respect to the claims f) $\!\!\!\!/\!$	g) was not reached. h) N/A.
Substance of Interview including description of the gener reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet	
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the ame allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attach	ndments which the examiner agreed would render the claim copy of the amendments that would render the claims ed.)
	he last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS R THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See
	John B. Vigushin Primary Exercises
	John B. Vigushin
October 2, 2003	Primary Examinex
Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an	M1 2827

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Attachment to a signed Office action.

Interview Summary

Paper No. 1003

Examiner's signature, if required

#### Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

### Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135, (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, signation or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 81.2.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowsnee or if other circumstances dictate. the Form should be mailed oromotify after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Senal Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Name or examine
   Date of interview
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not formally be considered as complete and proper recordation of the Interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted.
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner.
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
  - (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persussive to the examiner.
- a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

#### Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner's should place the indication, "interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: 1) Examiner explained and reaffirmed rejection of Claim 5; 2) In Applicant's contemplated After Final Amendment responsive to Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter (i.e., Claims 9, 19, 21, 25, 28 and 29) in the Office Action of August 13, 2003; (a) subject matter of Claims 1 and 9 will be written as an independent claim; (b) subject matter of Claims 1 and 24-25 will be written as an independent claim; (c) other claims indicated as allowable will be written as independent claims; 3) in accordance with the aforementioned 2a,b,c, the appropriate cancellation of other claims in the record will be made in order for said contemplated After Final Amendment to be considered for allowance.